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FACT SHEET

Health Systems 20/20/Afghanistan

OVERVIEW

The Health Systems 20/20 project supports the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) to identify and address issues in the health system that impedes access to health care. USAID works closely with the MoPH to achieve these goals. Ultimately, this project will ensure Afghan citizens have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare and medications are provided through efficient procurement and distribution networks.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Strengthen HEFD capacity to plan, manage, and deliver health resources:** Assess the capacity of HEFD systems and knowledge in order to implement and institutionalize health economics and financing activities (results from a recent capacity assessment identified the need to expand the team of health economics and financing experts; develop in-house training; provide staff counseling; and support professional growth and development opportunities)
 - **Institutionalize National Health Accounts (NHA):** Refine collection methodology on data for household out-of-pocket expenditures and utilize this to: design a five-year implementation/work plan; develop seminars and workshops to inform the Ministry of Finance, NGOs, provincial health officers, and other related parties of the relevance of NHA for evidence-based policy making; and train a cadre of experts
 - **Build non-government organization (NGO) financial management, reporting, and planning capabilities:** Provide training and support to: strengthen program monitoring across NGOs; ensure greater data accuracy for planning, implementation, evaluation, and decision-making; and improve financial management systems and reporting
 - **Advance efficient resource use and allocation:** Explore the potential mechanisms for generating revenue and build capabilities in proposal development, needs assessment, costing of services, and data analysis to equip health sector officials to advocate more effectively
 - **Determine the feasibility of introducing risk protection mechanisms:** Investigate the appropriateness of traditional and hybrid insurance models within the context of Afghanistan; develop a roadmap as well as implementation and capacity-building plans to ensure that required capabilities exist to properly and sustainably manage any such insurance schemes in the country
 - **Support demand and supply side incentive programs for immunizations and maternal health:** Provide support to investigate the level of awareness among families and communities, and the effect of cash incentives on community health workers' motivations and how these impact rates of immunization and maternal health service delivery
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- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS** Developed a technology solution to facilitate financial reporting among donors, NGOs, and other related stakeholders
 - Partnered with Chulalongkorn University in Thailand allowing select HEFD staff to pursue their masters' degrees in health economics
 - Completed the first Afghanistan National Health Accounts in April 2011